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# Inspection Report Minerals Regulatory Program

Report Date: October 8, 2004

Mine Name: Deremo-Peterson Operator or Permittee Name: Umetco Minerals Corporation Permittee Mailing Address: 2754 Compass Dr., Ste. 280, Grand Junction, CO 81506-8788 Inspector(s): Paul Baker Other Participants: None Permit Status: Reclaimed Current Acreages: Total Permitted (Bonded): 7 Total Disturbed: 7	Weathe Inspecti Inspecti Site loca Waste p Surface Mineral Mineral	r: Cloudy, 50 ion Start Tir ion End Tim ation/Area In ile Ownership:	0's, recent rain ne: 1:55 PM ne: 2:30 PM nspected (i.e.) : Fee :: Fee & SITLA	A
Elements of Inspection  1. Permits, Revisions, Transfer, Bonds	Evaluated	N/A	Comment	Enforcement
2. Public Safety (open shafts, adits, trash,				
signs, highwalls) 3. Protection of Drainages 4. Explosives, magazines 5. Deleterious Material				
6. Roads (maintenance, surfacing, dust control, safety)				
<ul><li>7. Concurrent Reclamation</li><li>8. Erosion Control</li><li>9. Demolition</li></ul>				
10. Backfilling and Grading (trenches, pits, roads, highwalls, shafts, drill holes)				
11. Water Impoundments 12. Soils 13. Revegetation 14. Air Quality 15. Other				



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#### **Purpose of Inspection:**

The operator had planned to reseed the waste pile, and I wanted to be there since this was about the fourth time the operator would be applying seed. I wanted to take a sample of the seed, look at the seed tag, and watch the seeding operation.

#### **Inspection Summary:**

#### 13. Revegetation

There had been a lot of rain, and the ground was muddy. The operator had planned to seed and fertilize those parts of the waste pile where revegetation has not been successful. The plan was to apply the seed and fertilizer then harrow the area. It was too muddy to use the harrow, so the operator plans to come back in a few days when the ground has dried a bit.

Portions of the waste pile had been harrowed (Photo 1), possibly to get the surface ready for seeding or to reduce the number of weeds. I have some concerns about the lack of surface roughness, but I think the slope is gentle enough that this seeding can work if there is adequate moisture.

I asked Frank Barnett to send me a copy of the label and a sample of the seed. I also asked him to photograph the seeding operation.

Inspector's Signature

PBB:jb

Enclosures. photos, GPS map cc. Rahe Junge. Operator

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## **ATTACHMENT**

## **Photographs**

M/037/025, Deremo-Peterson Mine, Umetco Minerals Corporation

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Photo 1. The harrowed slope of the waste pile.



Photo 2. The top of the waste pile. The area in the foreground was not harrowed because it has desirable grasses, but some of the other areas were not harrowed because the equipment was getting stuck in the rain-softened ground.